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SBC Seminary Presidents Hit "Blanket Accusations"

By Orville Scott
DALLAS (BP) — Presidents of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries held a joint press conference in Dallas in an effort to put to rest charges of "liberal" teachings leveled by a group which says it is contending for biblical inerrancy.

The presidents, in Dallas for the SBC Inter-agency Council meeting, said they were deeply concerned over a "blanket accusation" by some Baptists "regarding the view of the Bible by those who teach at the seminaries."

The Baptist Standard, news publication of Texas Baptists, reported in its May 9 issue that Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, and Houston appeals

court judge Paul Pressler said alarm over "liberal" teaching in Southern Baptist seminaries had prompted meetings in at least 15 states to encourage messengers to elect a president committed to biblical inerrancy at the SBC annual meeting, June 12-14 in Houston.

During the interview with reporters from Baptist and secular media, the six seminary presidents said they know of no professors in Southern Baptist seminaries who fail to uphold the principles of the statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in 1963.

The document says in part that "the Holy Bible was written by men di-

vinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of himself to man. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter."

The seminary presidents said in a joint statement to the media that they are committed to help Southern Baptists continue their tradition as "a Bible-centered people, firmly believing and striving to practice what the Bible teaches."

They affirmed their belief in the Bible and in what it says about itself, for example, that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16).

Declaring that each seminary officially subscribes to the Baptist Faith and Message statement, the presidents said that "each person who teaches on the faculty or serves in the administration of a Southern Baptist seminary personally signs a statement affirming his belief in these principles and promising to teach or administer in accordance with and not contrary to this or a similar guideline of faith."

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In Student Work

Winders Believes Leader Should Be An Enabler

By Tim Nicholas

Ralph Winders retires this week as director of the Mississippi Baptist Department of student work after 22 years at its helm. He came to Mississippi in 1957 after 13 years directing student work in Virginia.

The following is not a tribute to Ralph Winders for his long career in student work. That tribute was paid last week by his friends, family, and associates during a banquet in his honor.

No newspaper story written at the retirement of anyone who has given a lifetime of service could hope to encapsulate that service in a short space. Instead what follows is a short analysis of what Ralph Winders thinks is important in student work.

"My basic concept of the department director is that of enabler," said Winders over a pile of files he was trying to clear out before Jerry Merriman took over as new department director. He said that the work "must start with well qualified personnel. Over the years I have tried to secure seminary graduates for local directors."

He added he also looked for people with a good attitude toward the local church and one "who can relate personally to students."

He said that he never tried to outline a single plan of ministry for the local Baptist Student Union directors to follow. He simply told new directors to become well acquainted with his or her campus and develop a program to meet the needs there.

Besides leaving organized work on 26 Mississippi campuses, Winders has left Baptist student centers on 15 campuses, plus property on three other campuses. In 1957 there were only student centers at Mississippi State College for Women and Blue Mountain College. He believes student centers are "a very important tool in getting a good job done locally," he said.

"Though the colleges and universities were gracious in making space available, I never thought it their responsibility to allow us to use that space," Winders said that it was better to continue the separation of church and state on the college campus, adding that with a BSU center, there would be no limits on program scheduling or space needed.

But overseeing the development of the student centers has levied a price. Before, "there was more time for campus visitation," he said.

Emphasis Changes

Winders recalls changes in student work since he began in 1944, "when student work was primarily the enlistment of students in the church in college towns." Much emphasis was given to the transfer of membership and missions was in a sense, peripheral, he said.

He said that it was missions that kept him in student work all those years.

Now, students know much more even before they get to college. High school groups are "taking missions trips with their churches. Then, we didn't think of anything north of the 'Smith and Wesson' line." Their peers are going out with the Home Mission Board and through BSU appointments, making college students extremely knowledgeable on the subject

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Coast Men Supplement Flock On Barbados

Four Gulf Coast men, Ernie Bullen, Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport; Bob Ebersold and his son, Dwight, Emmanuel Church, Biloxi; and Frank Pike, First Church, Long Beach, bought four black belly sheep to supplement the flock which was started by

some women in Mississippi for the Barbados Baptist College.

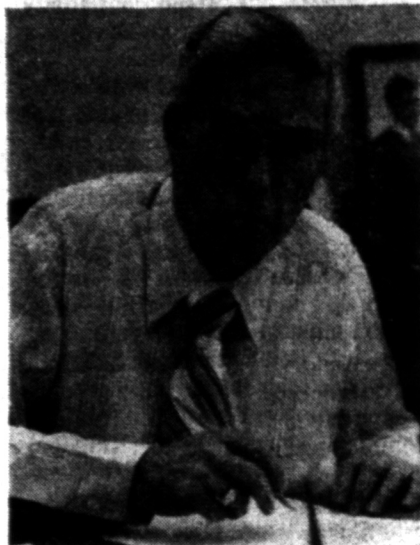
While on a Bold Mission project to Barbados from the Gulf Coast, the men took the opportunity to do something special to help both the college and the students.

"The flock of registered black belly sheep will provide both a source of income and protein to the students when they return home," reports Sam Turner, Gulf Coast director of missions who also went to Barbados.

The black belly sheep have multiple births, which enables a more rapid build up of the flock. The sheep are also registered which permits the student, upon graduation, to transport a pair for breeding back to his own country. Since many of these ministerial students will find it necessary to support themselves, the sheep will provide extra income. The cost per sheep is approximately \$100-\$125. However, because of the nature of the project, the farm sold these four sheep at half price.

The sheep are kept on a rope in grazing areas during the day and are kept in a sheep pen at night. A pen was built

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Ralph Winders

Roy Moore Appointed To MSC

Roy Moore of Hattiesburg, Miss., has been appointed to the Mission Service Corps of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Moore, 22, is a member of 38th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. He will serve as part of a Mission Service Corps Brazil Team for one year in Brazil. Moore and about 25 other young adults will work with Brazilian college students in

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Missionaries Return For Uganda Rebuilding

By Mary Jane Welch
NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — G. Webster Carroll, returning to Uganda after a war which ousted President Idi Amin, has a new job. Instead of helping Ugandan refugees exist in nearby Kenya, he is helping them rebuild their own land.

With support from the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board, he is moving ahead with a rehabilitation program that involves hundreds of thousands of dollars in aid and a number of U. S. volunteers.

Just how many volunteers is not yet certain, but the Ugandan officials have said there are opportunities for hundreds to help.

"If we're talking Bold Mission Thrust (SBC plan to proclaim Christ to the entire world), let's get bold," Carroll told James W. Cecil, the board's associate consultant on laymen overseas, during Cecil's recent visit to East Africa.

Both agreed that much help will be needed to rebuild the country recently freed from the rule of President Amin, who had banned Baptists and 26 other

religious groups, killed many of his countrymen, and reduced the nation to poverty.

As soon as the new government took power, Carroll approached its leaders to offer Baptist help in restoring physical and spiritual health to the nation. Only weeks earlier, the Southern Baptist missionary had been working with some of these same leaders while they were in exile.

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Four men with sheep they bought, behind the new sheep shed they built on Barbados. Left to right: Ernie Bullen, Bob Ebersold (Emmanuel), Dwight (Ike) Ebersold, and Frank Pike.

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The Hattiesburg area has been added to those Mississippi sections which will be receiving the telecast of the Wednesday evening service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Brooks Wester, pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, has said that Cable Channel 6 at Hattiesburg will carry the entire session from 7 to 9 p.m. This will be done free of charge, Wester said. Also there will be a large screen installed in the auditorium of First Baptist Church and the session will be shown on that screen while it is in progress. The entire two-hour Bold Mission Thrust rally from the Astro-dome in Houston will be shown. For the Wednesday evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention the site will shift from the Summit in Houston to the Astro-dome.

All of the homes in the Hattiesburg area that have cable television will be able to pick up the session on Channel 6, Wester said, in addition to the viewing being made possible in the church auditorium for those who don't have cable facilities in their homes. This service is being made possible by General Electric Cablevision, he said. First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, has a leased cable channel and has all of the equipment necessary already installed in the church's control room.

A special program at the church before the beginning of the telecast in

Hattiesburg will give attention to the history of the convention and explain the involvement of Bold Mission Thrust and the Mission Service Corps, Wester indicated. It will begin at 6:30 p. m.

The Bold Mission Thrust rally at the Astro-dome is expected to be opened by an 8,000-voice choir led by Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham evangelistic team and a procession of flags of nations and states. There will be reports from the Home Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Board and testimonies on evangelism and world hunger. More than 1,000 missionary volunteers are expected to be dedicated in services led by Convention President Jimmy Allen and Miss Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union. The concluding message will be by Billy Graham.

Other Mississippi areas preparing to pick up the satellite beams from the Astro-dome are Jackson and Meridian. Capital Cablevision will provide the service on Channel 10 in Jackson, and it will be shown on a giant screen at Broadmoor Church, Jackson. In Meridian the TV Selection System will provide the service on Channel 12, and it will be shown at First Baptist Church.

The time will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Central Daylight Time rather than

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Who Will Win? Cowboy Or Indian?

Five Robbins, left, was a winner in the hand wrestling match between cowboys and Indians at the Western Round-up Retreat for Exceptional Persons, at Camp Garaywa May 18 and 19. Ninety-eight were present, including parents, teachers, and exceptional students. Dr. Paul

Cotton, director of Ellisville State School, led conferences for the parents and teachers. Evelyn George, consultant, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board directed the retreat. (Additional pictures by Anne McWilliams on page 3.)

More than 500 Mississippi Baptist Families
Were Left Homeless by the Easter flood.
Relief Offering Is June 3.
Give Through Your Church.

500 Professions Of Faith

Mississippians Aid Nicaraguan Crusade

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (BP) — Approximately 500 professions of faith were reported in a two-week bold mission evangelistic crusade held in the midst of uncertain conditions caused by stepped up terrorist activity in Nicaragua.

Services were cancelled in three places because of sporadic armed conflicts in the vicinity. Despite the tensions, attendance of 500 or more was reported at services in some cities and rural areas, according to Southern Baptist missionary Stanley D. Stamps. In other areas, attendance was fair and in a few cases, poor.

Two Mississippians were among the 18 evangelists and one musician from the United States who participated in the effort May 6 to 19. The Mississippians were William Ferrell, pastor of Sylvarena Church in Smith County, and his son, Curtis, assistant pastor at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and Spanish pastor for the church.

The elder Ferrell is a former missionary to Argentina, and the younger Ferrell grew up there.

In some areas, armed conflict was taking place but services were held early and visitation was limited. The services themselves were normal except for cancellations for one night at two locations, according to Stamps. Leaders had debated whether to hold the crusade.

"The increased tension brought on by the uncertain political situation and growing economic problems definitely limited the efforts of the crusade," Stamps said. "But we are quite happy with the results and encouraged by some of the developments we have witnessed."

It was definitely a bold missions undertaking in the light of calculated risks," Stamps said. But because of the unrest in the country, people were more open and the crusade will have

far-reaching effects, according to Stamps.

Stamps, missionary press representative for Nicaragua, said all the visiting evangelists commented on the "obvious hunger for God's word" and were impressed by the warmth and responsiveness of the people.

Two new mission points were initiated during the first week, one at Camoapa, where Archie V. Jones, missionary on leave of absence from Ecuador, preached; and San Rafael del Sur, where a tent revival attracted more than 500 nightly and resulted in 85 professions of faith. Rudy Hernandez of Grand Prairie, Texas, was evangelist there.

The crusade was a cooperative effort of churches of the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua with participation of the Southern Baptist evangelists enlisted through the office of evangelism and church development of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. It was the follow-up phase of a two-phase evangelistic thrust begun earlier this

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Whittington Is Named Associate BSU Director

Barbara Jo Whittington has been named associate Baptist Student Union director for the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. She will assist director Louis Farmer in campus ministries. Her work there begins June 25.

Miss Whittington, a New Orleans native, is a graduate

of Mobile College in Alabama and earned the master of education degree from Southern in Hattiesburg, where she has also completed much of the required work toward a Ph.D. degree.

A 1977 Outstanding Young Woman of America, Miss Whittington has taught high school in Mobile and Grove Hill, Ala. She has taught chemistry, physics and math.

She managed the Nibble Nook Ice Cream Parlor at Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center in the summers of 1975 and '76.

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Revival Results

Good News Mississippi

This is the beginning of the listing of April Revival Results. More results will be printed in future issues.

Adams			Lamar		
Church	Additions By Letter	Additions By Baptism	Church	Additions By Letter	Additions By Baptism
Bethel	1	3	Bellevue	5	0
Briel Ave.	0	3	Calvary	3	1
Cranfield	2	0	Corinth	2	13
First, Natchez	4	6	Good Hope	0	5
Immanuel	0	2	Greenville	0	3
Morgantown	5	1	Hickory Grove	1	4
Parkway	3	6	Lumberton, First	0	5
Total	15	21	Military	1	1
Alcorn			Richburg	1	2
Corinth, First	4	6	Sumrall, First	11	4
County Line	1	2	Oakohola Mission	2	2
Holly	0	3	Cole Town Mission	2	2
Kendrick	0	1	Total	28	42
Tate St, Corinth	2	0	Leake		
Tishomingo Chapel	0	2	Carthage, First	2	11
Tusculum	2	5	Corinth	0	2
Total	9	19	Freem	0	4
Calhoun			Lena	0	1
Bethany	2	0	Madden	0	2
Big Creek	1	9	Mt. Zion	0	2
Calhoun City, First	4	0	Pleasant Hill	0	2
Calvary	1	0	Rocky Point	1	4
Duncan Hill	1	0	Springfield	2	0
Mt. Moriah	0	1	Standing Pine	0	1
Mt. Tabor	2	0	Sunrise	0	9
New Liberty	1	4	Trinity	4	10
Rocky Mount	0	4	Total	9	48
Sarepta	0	2	Jackson		
Sherman	1	1	Arlington Heights	0	10
Shiloh	0	1	Bellefontaine	2	3
Total	13	20	Bellehaven	3	2
Webster			Calvary	0	6
Hebron	5	0	Cambridge	2	4
Mathiston, First	2	10	Eastlawn	2	3
Walshall	0	1	East Moss Point	0	2
West Shady Grove	0	4	Franklin Creek	0	3
Total	7	15	Griffin Street	6	8
Desoto			Helena, First	4	19
Carriage Hills	3	5	Kreole Ave.	3	4
Cedar View	0	1	Moss Point, First	2	4
Church Road	0	8	Martin Bluff	0	2
Colonial Hills	9	5	Pascagoula, First	1	2
Desoto Woods	1	1	Parkway	3	4
Ebenezer	2	6	Riverside	0	2
Eudora, First	2	1	Southside	1	6
Goodman Road	11	4	Unity	1	0
Grays Creek	2	13	Vanceville, First	1	6
Green Brook	3	1	Wade	3	12
Hernando	3	5	Woodhaven	0	3
Horn Lake, First	0	8	Pine Lake Mission	0	1
Immanuel	0	1	LeMoyné Blvd.	1	2
Longview Heights	9	23	Chapel	0	3
Meadowbrook	0	5	Graceland	0	3
Mt. Zion	0	1	Total	38	113
Nesbit, First	0	5	George		
New Prospect	0	2	Agricola	1	0
Oak Grove	0	1	Barton	1	3
Olive Branch, First	6	6	Bennedale, First	2	0
Parkway	2	0	Hillcrest	1	12
Southaven, First	0	3	Lucedale, First	1	7
Twin Lakes	1	1	Rocky Creek	0	3
Total	54	106	Southside	1	12
Lauderdale			Total	7	37
Arrowood	3	2	Carroll		
Bethany	0	4	Malmanson	1	2
Calvary	0	5	Mt. Olive	0	3
Crescent Hill	1	1	Mount Pisgah	2	9
Daleville	3	0	North Carrollton	0	2
Eastview	0	3	Vaiden	0	1
Fifth Ave.	0	4	Valley Hill	0	1
Hickory Grove	2	1	Total	3	18
Highland	2	4	Chickasaw County		
Lauderdale, First	2	2	Houlka, First	5	2
Meridian, First	8	5	Shiloh	1	3
Midway	1	7	Bethel	3	2
Mt. Vernon	5	6	Okolona, First	3	4
Oak Grove	2	1	Houston, First	5	0
Oakland Hghts.	2	2	New Prospect	2	0
Poplar Springs	0	4	Total	19	11
Russell	1	1			
Southside	1	1			
Westwood	3	2			
Total	37	56			



Joe Abrams, first president of the Baptist Public Relations Association, receives recognition during the BPRA's 25th anniversary celebration in Ft. Worth, Tex. Abrams is retired associate editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record. Mrs. Abrams, and Mrs. Styles watch as Rick Styles, of Abilene, Tex., gives the award.

Baptist PR Practitioners Support Equal Employment

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — More than 100 Baptist public relations practitioners went on record supporting equal employment opportunities for men and women within the Southern Baptist Convention at the silver anniversary meeting of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

One hundred ten members from 18 states and the District of Columbia passed the resolution in response to last year's Consultation on Women in Church Related Vocations. Twenty-six of the 65 new members joining BPRA this year are women.

Stan Hastey, associate director of information services for the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, was elected president. Other officers are Jennifer Bryon, communications specialist in the bookstore division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, program vice president; Ken Day, director of the department of promotion, Home Mission Board, membership vice president; Don Hepburn, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, treasurer; Connie Davis, assistant editor of Crusader magazine, Brotherhood Commission, secretary; Rick Styles, vice president for university relations at Hardin-Simmons University, awards chairman; and Tim Nicholas, associate editor, Mississippi Baptist Record, newsletter editor.

Robison Cancels Bryant, Gets \$1,000 A Month From Criswell

DALLAS (BP) — Evangelist James Robison has withdrawn an invitation to singer Anita Bryant to appear with him at a "Freedom to Preach" rally June 5 at Dallas Convention Center.

Robison told about 800 ministers of several denominations at First Baptist Church, Euless, near Dallas that the decision was based chiefly on concern for Miss Bryant's personal safety. His attorneys also expressed concern that her appearance would "cloud" the real issue of freedom to preach and focus too much attention on the homosexual community.

"We've had a large number of threats (made against Miss Bryant and Robison) since our announcement that she would come here . . . The homosexuals would like to ride that — have a parade," said Robison, who will speak June 10 at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in Houston.

Also at the Euless meeting, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, largest Southern Baptist congregation, said that his church will give \$1,000 a month to Robison's legal fund in his "Freedom to Preach" battle against Dallas TV station WFAA (Channel 8).

The ministers met with Robison to discuss the ramifications of his battle with WFAA over their interpretation of the Federal Communication Commission's Fairness Doctrine. Robison's weekly television program aired by about 90 stations was cancelled March 2 by WFAA, an ABC-TV affiliate, after he denounced homosexuality as sin and read comments from various publications about homosexuals.

Station Manager Dave Lane, a Southern Baptist layman, said the

Sunday morning program was cancelled because of a "continuing problem" with the Southern Baptist evangelist's making statements "about other religious organizations and community groups."

The station had also cancelled but reinstated Robison's program in 1977 after the homosexuals demanded and received equal time under the Fairness Doctrine to respond to his attacks.

Lane, an active member of Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, has not taken the position that Robison cannot name homosexuality as a sin in the context of a biblical sermon.

"That (application of the Fairness Doctrine) doesn't mean he can't read the Bible. That doesn't mean he can't name a particular sin, whatever sin that is, or even call people's attention to it as a problem and ask them to vote against it," Lane said.

The problem WFAA attorneys had with the Feb. 25 broadcast, Lane said, was the total picture that was painted of homosexuals, specifically Robison's reading from the National Inquirer magazine linking homosexuals with child molesting, violence and murder.

"If there was a point where it stepped over the line, that possibly was the point," Lane said.

Robison, charging his constitutional rights have been injured, hired the famed criminal attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes to press for a hearing with the FCC.

Haynes said at a Robison press conference at the close of the National Association of Broadcasters' annual meeting in Dallas in March, "We will take this to the mat."

A Baptist Record Instant Replay In Houston Use Bus System, Parking Nil

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Messengers to the 134th Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 12-14, are being urged by local committee and convention planners to go the extra mile in cooperating despite difficult parking and transportation problems in Houston.

During the daytime, parking will not exist when messengers converge on the Summit for sessions on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, June 12; the morning of Wednesday, June 13; and the morning and afternoon of Thursday, June 14.

Tim Hedquist, convention manager and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said sheets of information will be available at check-in at 39 convention hotels to help messengers work out transportation.

He said the convention has established a hotline number in Houston — 850-0735 — for persons who get confused about travel and need help. The hotline will be open Monday, June 11, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

"The glut of Houston traffic allows absolutely no parking at the Summit before 6 p.m.," Hedquist said. He urges messengers to observe that reg-

ulation to avoid being towed by the city. He said buses will run continuously from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. each day and will be numbered and color-coded for easy identification.

Messengers with cars are urged to drive during the day to the Rice Stadium Parking Lot, at University Blvd. and Greenbriar, and take a shuttle bus (Bus No. 4) to the Summit. Parking is \$1 per car. It also costs \$1 to ride the bus to the Summit and \$1 for the return trip. Messengers are urged to give rides to those without cars.

But the good news, Hedquist says, is that messengers may park free at the Summit for the Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions and may park at the Astrodome for the Wednesday evening session for \$2.

Messengers without cars may ride to the Summit or the Astrodome from three locations — The Hyatt Regency, Downtown Holiday Inn, and the Rice Stadium Parking Lot during the day — and also from the Shamrock Hilton at night. Feeder buses will take messengers at other convention hotels to the departure point of the shuttle bus.

Total cost from the hotel to the Summit or Astrodome is \$2. Bus tickets may be purchased at the Summit, various hotels or the bus at the hotel.

Nicaraguan Revival

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year in which nearly 60 laymen and pastors from the States participated.

The evangelists were advised of the tensions in Nicaragua before they arrived. For more than a year, missionary and volunteer work in Nicaragua has been under tension. As early as June 1978 a 90-voice church choir from Fort Worth, Texas, encountered anti-government and pro-Communist disturbances during its visit. In September, three Nicaraguan Baptists were caught in crossfire and killed. In November, a revival campaign was cancelled due to the unrest.

The Mississippians were scheduled to participate in the revival campaign that was cancelled in November. That campaign was supposed to have been a lead-off effort for a follow up in February, Curtis Ferrell said. As it turned out, the February campaign was the lead-off, and the May effort was a follow up.

William Ferrell, who was a missionary in Argentina for 25 years, was in revivals at Diriomo and San Marcos. At Diriomo there were 10 professions of faith, and at San Marcos there were 29.

Curtis was at Nagarote and Nandamoo with 10 professions of faith the first week and 14 during the second.

The 18 evangelists were used at 33 preaching points, Curtis said. "The political situation has made people receptive to the gospel. They are looking for security and peace," he added. He said that during his second revival 10 to 12 young people went out into the streets every day witnessing.

Hattiesburg Added . . .

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Eastern time as was reported in the Baptist Record of May 24.

Two satellites will be used in beaming the program. They will be Western Union's Westar I and RCA's Satcom I.

Additional interesting aspects of the Wednesday evening Bold Mission Thrust rally in the Astrodome will involve Baptist leaders who have become known around the world. The opening prayer will be led by Georgi

Vins, the Russian Baptist who refused to give in to the Soviet government in the area of religious liberty and was imprisoned. He was exiled to the United States as part of an exchange for two spies held by this government. The other Baptist of world-wide acclaim is Baker James Cauthen, who will be giving his last report as the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. The report will be a part of the missions rally.

Former Cult Members

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In the several months of counseling before Mrs. Shaw joined the Ridgecrest church, Pastor Lawrence Webb

said he had to constantly remind her of her freedom. She would continually feel guilty about being involved in a Protestant church, he said.

Mrs. Yager left the Jehovah's Witnesses of her own accord in 1975, but feared going to any other church because it would mean disfellowship from the Kingdom Hall and complete loss of life after death.

She thought of going back to the Witnesses because the world outside the fellowship "seemed so evil," she said.

Both women had struggles adjusting to life in a Southern Baptist Church and outside their former faith groups.

A major problem was a relative lack of directed activity. In the Kingdom Hall, Mrs. Yager had attended meetings five nights a week besides making door-to-door visits.

"In the Mormon Church, there's a constant beehive," Mrs. Shaw said, "and after 22 years of this style, it's hard to change. A whole week between services is a long gap."

Another adjustment for both women is the sense of separation from former friends in the sect groups.

Mrs. Yager had been formally "disfellowshipped" by the Jehovah's Witnesses. Her former friends in the sect will not speak to her.

Mrs. Shaw's Mormon friends feel her new religious involvement is meaningless and that she can return to Mormonism at any time. "But if I publicly refuted Mormonism, they wouldn't speak to me; I'd be excommunicated," she said.

Both women had grown up as nominal members of traditional Christian churches and joined the sect groups as adults.

Missionaries Return For Uganda Rebuilding

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When Amin was deposed, Carroll, a 52-year-old Bluefield, W. Va., native, was one of the first to reenter the country from Kenya, where he and his wife had been living since fighting stepped up in February. He returned to help distribute the first shipment of foreign aid to enter the country.

Although the Medical Assistance Program of Carol Stream, Ill., provided the medical supplies, Richard Senzig, MAP's director of resource development, says delivery would have been impossible without Carroll's help.

During a time when the new government was just beginning to function, Carroll approached government officials and got permission to fly 1,000 pounds of medical supplies into the country. Medical supplies reportedly had been available to the public there for the last five years.

Carroll also received an invitation for himself, Senzig, MAP president Raymond Knighton, and fellow missionary James L. Rice of Virginia to fly into Uganda with a delegation of Ugandan officials returning from Nairobi.

"When we arrived in Uganda, 'he obviously enjoyed himself more than the rest of us because he had lived there before,'" said Senzig. "When he saw these people that he loved so much, he was moved with a great deal of emotion."

In Uganda, Senzig said, Carroll showed an amazing gift of diplomacy. He seemed to know the hometown, the children's names, or a relative of almost every person he met. If he didn't know someone, even a taxi driver, he carefully noted the new acquaintance's name in a book he carried with him.

Southern Baptists' first preaching missionary to Uganda, Carroll saw Uganda's prosperity crumble under Amin's rule until a single aspirin tablet was reported selling for three to

five dollars on the black market.

Since he first came to Uganda from missionary service in Tanzania, Carroll has placed a priority on training Ugandans for leadership roles. To practice baptism, he and a young Ugandan pastor dunked each other a dozen times in the Nile. He also helped teach leadership training schools around the country. "We soft missionaries take tents and cots," he said, "but the Africans sleep on the church floor, which is God's good earth."

Eventually this big, extroverted man identified so closely with the Ugandan people that it became difficult for him to give what others might call a routine report in mission meetings without weeping.

Carroll's ability to make key arrangements and decisions in distributing the medical supplies from MAP stemmed from ties he maintained with Uganda, even after Amin banned Baptist churches. He and Rice registered as representatives of the Ugandan Bible Society and continued ministering there. Occasionally, he and his wife Betty, who remained with him throughout this time, went on business trips to Kenya and remained there until advised by friends that it was safe to return.

"While in Kenya, he was personally, actively involved in work among Ugandan refugees and exiles in such cities as Nairobi, Nakuru, and Kisumu," says Davis L. Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa.

While those who have worked with Carroll praise his ability to visualize possibilities and make contacts, they say he might get bogged down in administrative details if he didn't turn that over to someone else. In Uganda, Rice's administrative skills have complemented Carroll's abilities.

While Carroll was making government contacts for shipping aid into Uganda, Rice was clearing tons of foreign aid through customs in Kenya.

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Presidents Hit "Accusations"

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Russell H. Dilday Jr. said that when he became president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, last year, he met with each faculty member and they had "an unquestioning and enthusiastic commitment" to the principles that the Bible is divinely inspired. They don't deserve this irresponsible blanket accusation," said Dilday.

Dilday said that if a member of his faculty were teaching anything contrary to the central doctrine of the New Testament, he would take immediate action.

"If I did not (do the same), our trustees would take action," echoed Landrum Leavell of New Orleans Seminary.

All the presidents denied having any faculty members who would call into question the creation accounts in Genesis or the bodily resurrection of Christ as reported in the New Testament. They challenged those who have made such claims to produce evidence.

Duke K. McCall, longtime president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., said much of the debate is over "the fallibility of human language."

"We are in agreement on the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures," he said. "We think the issue is over the fallibility of language."

The presidents were asked if there is a problem in the use of the word "inerrant."

McCall said, "Words have different force. . . The original manuscript, which we do not have, is inerrant. . . If you're talking of an existing manuscript, you can't say it's without error. If you're using inerrant to mean the message of God comes through by the Holy Spirit, it's inerrant."

McCall told reporters he holds to what he wrote in the Southern Seminary alumni magazine, *The Tie*: "If God had thought I needed an inerrant, infallible, verbally-inspired copy of the Bible, he would have preserved the original text on a golden tablet."

He had also written, "We may use all of the strong language we want about the original autographs of the Bible, but my faith can survive with the Holy Scripture available to me today."

In the Dallas interview he said, "The Bible doesn't depend on a Ph.D. from Southern Seminary to be able to find truth there, but anyone who can read" (can find truth).

Taking issue with the use of the word "inerrancy" by critics of the seminaries, Randall Lolley of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., said "inspired" is a stronger word. "We deal with inerrant documents every day that are not inspired," he said.

President Milton Ferguson said that at Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., "We not only believe the Bible is dependable and reliable and has truth for its subject without any mixture of error, we believe the original manuscripts were inspired by God."

"The nature and authority of the Word of God is a mystery and supercedes the capacity of human reason fully to comprehend," he added.

Baptist Standard Editor Presnell Wood asked the presidents to respond to statements in a Dallas newspaper that "disillusionment with the seminaries is at a crescendo pitch."

Record enrollments at the seminaries, (about 20,000 total) seem to deny the charges, said William Pinson of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. "Our own applications are up 34 percent," he added.

Dilday said he senses the opposite of disillusionment. "I don't believe we're seeing this drift as you describe. . . The majority of our budgets comes from Southern Baptist churches. They trust our seminaries to train the people who are going to be pastors of their churches."

Leavell said, "The bottom line for all six seminaries is our confidence and concern for Bold Mission Thrust (Southern Baptists' campaign to present the gospel of Christ to every person on earth by the end of the century). "We don't want anything to get in the way of Bold Mission Thrust," said Leavell. "It's the greatest thing God has given Southern Baptists."

Throughout the interview, the presidents deplored what they called "blanket accusations," "broad-based statements" and "stereotyping." "This is no time to be dividing our convention," said Dilday. "This manipulating, political kind of thing diverts us from our main purpose of evangelism and missions."



Clayton Jordan, youth and recreation director at First Church, Brookhaven, and his dummy entertained retreat participants on Saturday afternoon, during the retreat for exceptional persons at Camp Garaywa May 18-19. Kathleen McCurry held up objects while the blindfolded dummy correctly guessed what she had. Jan Cossitt and the women's Washboard Band from Morrison Heights, Clinton, put on a show Saturday morning. (Photos by Anne McWilliams)



Banks Hardee and his grandmother took a Coke break at the Trading Post.



Exhausted campers at the end of the retreat waited for their rides home.

Western Round-Up Retreat



Big Chief Rob Nicholson watched his braves perform in the talent show.



Teachers Janice Lee, Katri Hudspeth, and Cathy Martin went on stage with the younger special education group, during the talent show. Barbara Massey directed the younger group and Mrs. Thomas Bryant and Mrs. David Hester directed the older group.

Joggers Jubilee Set For Houston

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — One of the Southern Baptist Convention's most unusual auxiliary meetings, the Joggers Jubilee, will be held at four locations 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., June 12, 13 and 14 in Houston.

Participants should convene ready to jog at either the Houston Baptist University track, the Rice University track, Memorial Park, or the Allen Parkway Running and Bike Track, said Eugene Greer, program planning director for the Texas Baptist state missions commission.

A certificate will be given to each participant by the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Also a commemorative patch, "Life Abundant, SBC Joggers Jubilee, Houston, 1979" is available for \$2 from The Strider, 11317 Earlywood Drive, Dallas, Texas 75218. Any profits from the sale of patches will go for missions through the Cooperative Program.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

June 6-7 Summer Missionary Orientation, Baptist Building, Jackson 1:00 p.m., 6th - 12 Noon, 7th (Cooperative Missions)

JUNE, 1979

Sunday School	CONDUCT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS, MISSION BIBLE SCHOOLS AND BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS (See Outreach magazine February, March, and June)
Church Training	CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE Plans should be made no later than June for the church promotion of CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE. July-September is preparation time with October scheduled as Lift-Off Month. See Promotion plan distributed to pastors and directors in April
Church Music	ASSOCIATIONAL SENIOR ADULT HYMN SING A "sing" including old hymns, especially meaningful to Senior Adults from their past experiences. MUSIC PARTNERS SHARING Several plans through which one church can offer assistance through loan of resources and personnel, etc. MISSION MINISTRIES Music groups participate in special mission ministries. HYMN OF THE MONTH "God Is Working His Purpose Out" #509.
Brotherhood	DAY CAMPING A unique approach for providing missionary education in an outdoor setting for children during the summer months. Curriculum suggestions available from the Brotherhood Department.
Woman's Missionary Union	DAY CAMPING AND RESIDENT CAMPS Opportunities for missions education in an out-of-doors setting.
Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries	TRAIN CHURCH COUNCIL Train early in order that they may have time to plan next year's work by October 1. Resource: "The Church Council" pamphlet (see undated material order form) and "Church Council Handbook", available from Baptist Book Store.
Stewardship	REMINERS Order individual boxed offering envelopes for next year. Send quarterly record of contributions to each member. Enclose a "Thank You" folder. Distribute stewardship or Cooperative Program tract at morning worship service. Show a stewardship filmstrip in department assemblies.
Evangelism	CONDUCT LAY EVANGELISM (WIN SCHOOLS) The Lay Evangelism School is a project to train lay people for personal witnessing. WOW (YOUTH EVANGELISM) SCHOOLS OR RETREATS This strategy, similar to that of Lay Evangelism Schools, is especially designed to train junior and senior high school age groups to share their faith in personal witnessing. Four sessions, one and one-half hours each, can be done in a retreat setting or at your church.

Winders Believes Leader Should Be Enabler

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of missions. He said he tells parents of student summer missionaries that they are "taking a 40 percent chance their child will become a career missionary," he said, citing mission boards' statistics.

Acteen And GA Camps Have Openings

Becky Briscoe of the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union staff and director of the Acteens and GA camps this summer at Camp Garaywa reports that though several of the camp weeks have been filled, many still have openings.

The filled camp weeks are: June 11-15, June 25-29, and July 9-13. These are all GA weeks.

Camp Weeks with openings are June 18-22 and July 2-6, both for Acteens. And GA camps with openings are July 16-20, July 23-27, and July 30-Aug. 3.

In 1957, nine students were appointed to summer missions through Mississippi BSU, all to work in the United States, Mexico, and Alaska (not a state at that time). They raised \$3,000 for expenses.

This year, 58 students were sent to the states and 13 foreign countries with a \$50,000 budget "which we are going to reach," he added with emphasis.

He commented that though student missions has risen sharply in recent years, including local missions projects, the pool of applicants for summer missions has been decreasing.

Winders attributes that to the increase in competition given by churches offering good pay for summer staff jobs. He also said that part of the problem may lie not only with students, but with the entire adult population, a feeling that "I don't want to commit myself to anything."

Winders feels there is a world of grass roots support for BSU work, support that grows with each graduating class. Many students who were the best leaders on campus, "some of them are pillars in their churches," said Winders.

Winders said he feels that students are among the most appreciative people. A mother of a graduating young lady recently told Winders that "The BSU has meant more to my daughter than receiving a degree from the finest college in the state."

He beamed recalling the comment, because it was decidedly a reflection on his work, a career of loving young people who found Christian service and Christian fellowship in Baptist Student Union.

Staffers Are Chosen For Central Hills

Staffers for the summer Royal Ambassador Camps planned this year at Central Hills Baptist Retreat at Kosciusko, have been chosen.

Led by camp director, Rusty Griffin of the state Brotherhood Department staff, the camp staff includes counselors, instructors, and staff assistants.

Following are the staffers, their positions, and hometown churches.

Jeff Powell, assistant camp director, Jackson's Parkway Church. Martin Chaney will be program director and is a student at University of Mississippi, FBC, Vicksburg.

The eight counselors are Jimmy Turner of Macedonia Church in Calhoun City; Jeff McElroy, from Picayune's Goodyear Church; Peter Lee, from Pascagoula and a member of FBC, Jackson.

Greg Wittingham, from Canton and a member of Campbell Creek Church;

Keith Ward, Benton's Midway Baptist Church; Donald Gann, FBC, Vicksburg; Mark Hawkins, Antioch Church, Columbus; and Jimmie Sanford, Morgan City Church.

Wayne Pee, waterfront instructor, is a member of FBC, Kosciusko; Darryl Dillmore, lifeguard, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Bud Edwards, SBC, Grenada; Cecil Jones, horseback instructor, FBC, Newton; Chuck Waller, Oxford's Clear Creek Church; and Tim Oakes, riflery-archery instructor, Springdale Baptist Church, West.

Staff assistants will be Craig Moore, Hattiesburg's Deacon Street Church; Gill Baker, FBC, Senatobia; John Price, Bethany Church at State Springs; Joel Emerson, Holly Church, Corinth; Billy Crowe, Calvary Church, Jackson; Lewis Harrell, Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson; and Russ Smith, FBC, Canton.



A simulated camping scene shows the tent and platforms for the boys this summer at Central Hills.

Coast Men Supplement

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by some of the Gulf Coast men during the first three days of their project. With the exception of the tin and a few new 2x4's the shed was built of "scrap" material.

Tom Gautier, Bayou View Church, Gulfport, had said that he wanted to

get to a coral reef. As it turned out, he and others spent the day digging post holes in coral with a hammer and chisel.

Three of the sheep were given names: "Isme," "Miss Mississippi," and "Myrtle."



Associational Officers Orientation

Four hundred fifteen people ate lunch at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, during the Associational Officers' Orientation Workshop held there on May 15. Following a general session in the morning, simultaneous conferences were held for directors of missions, moderators, church administration coordinators, Sunday School directors, Church Training directors, church music directors, WMU directors, Brotherhood directors, Missions Committee chairman, Stewardship Committee chairman, and Evangelism Committee chairman. In the picture above Hollis Bryant, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is speaking to the directors of missions. Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, directed the workshop.

Roy Moore Appointed To MSC

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evangelism and local church programs. The team will arrive in Brazil in July.

The Mission Service Corps Brazil Team was selected by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Brazilian Baptist Convention, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The corps involves lay people and ministers in short-term, volunteer missions. It is part of Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust, which has the goal of presenting the gospel to the entire world by the year 2000.

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"Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7:7).

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Editorials

In Spite Of Problems...

The Convention Must Go On

The last few sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention have been gigantic affairs. Beginning in 1974 in Dallas, the registration of messengers has gone above 16,000 every year. The Dallas registration was a new record of 18,190. Twice since that date that record has been eclipsed and new ones established. There were 18,637 at Norfolk, Va., in 1976; and there were 22,872 in Atlanta last year.

Unless people simply have grown tired of dealing with the problems of going to a convention, this year's convention in Houston may be the biggest of all. The signs are not promising, however. We have become so big that many people just don't want to put up with the trouble that comes with convention attendance.

This year one of the major problems, that began with the convention in Dallas, will not be present. The Dallas convention was the first one to use image magnification procedures so that messengers could see what was going on. The attendances have been so large that the only places large enough to take care of the crowds have been enormous flat-floor exhibition halls made more for boat shows and automobile exhibits than for conventions. With 16,000 people seated in one of these halls, those in the back simply were out of touch with the proceedings. In Dallas the Radio and Television Commission came up with an improvisation that everyone hoped would solve the problem. The commission rolled a big control truck onto the floor, put the stage in front of it, put televi-

sion cameras on a platform in front of the stage as well as in other strategic places, and placed gigantic screens above the floor so that they would be in sight of everyone. The convention was televised, and the messengers watched it on the screens.

That was fine. Everyone knew what was going on. It was somewhat like sitting in a movie house, however. The hall was dark so that the images on the screens would show up, and those attending might well have had a feeling of detachment.

It was the only answer, but it was not a good situation.

Last year in Atlanta it was compounded by a horrible sound system. This year the convention will not be held in a flat-floor exhibit hall. It will be in The Summit, a basketball area that will offer balconies as well as the floor level. This will allow all messengers to be much closer to the stage than has been the case since the Dallas convention. The image magnification procedure should not be necessary. If it is not used, then the messengers and visitors might recapture the concept of all being together in the same place — if not all of one accord.

The image magnification process is not all negative, however. With the advent of this electronic marvel in Dallas came some of the finest multi-media institutional reports that could be imagined. Perhaps the highlight was a two-way conversation from the convention hall in Kansas City with missionaries on the street in Hong Kong. The missionaries were pictured in

action at the time on the screens in the hall. It was almost unbelievable, yet it was right there before our very eyes. It was done by satellite transmission.

Perhaps this year there will be another improvement over the Atlanta and Kansas City conditions, and that will be multiple entrances into the arena. In both Kansas City and Atlanta escalators were used to get in and out. This created colossal jams as the sessions closed.

Hopefully, the situation in Houston will be more pleasant. The worst note of a negative nature that has been sounded has been the problem of getting to The Summit on the freeway at rush hours. This problem has been laid to rest, however. There will be no point in fighting the freeway to get to the convention. There will be no parking. The Summit is surrounded by a fine parking lot that is used by Houston workers until 6 p.m. There will be parking available for messengers for the night sessions.

During the daytime the only way to get to the convention will be by bus, and this may turn out to be the biggest problem faced yet. The cost will be \$1 one-way from the Rice Stadium parking lot. Parking for the night sessions will be \$2. The buses will run at night as well as in the daytime, and pickups will be made at the Hyatt Regency, the downtown Holiday Inn, and the Rice Stadium parking lot. Feeder buses from other hotels will go to Rice Stadium.

We must have a convention. We have a lot of business to conduct. To have a

convention we must have messengers. Hopefully, there will be many of them this year in spite of the inconveniences that are almost certain to be present.

What is the answer to the inconveniences? That may be a point of discussion this year. There might be a great deal of sentiment for choosing a central location with the right kind of facilities and meeting there every year.

On the other hand, the expenses involved and the inconveniences might cut down on the attendances. The energy crunch might contribute to a declining attendance.

The constitution says the convention is to be held annually. This could be changed to every other year or every three years, but it takes a couple of years to change the constitution. In the meantime, we have convention sites chosen several years in advance.

So a final option is to leave everything as it is and see what happens. This, probably, is what we will do. If there are volunteers ready to face the crush of a Southern Baptist Convention in a teeming metropolitan situation, they need to be certified as messengers. The convention is June 12 to 14.

In spite of their problems, Southern Baptist conventions are highly interesting and fascinating events. And in spite of the fact that we always come home complaining about conditions, we always go back the next year in ever increasing numbers.

You couldn't keep us away.

"History Before Your Eyes"...

Mississippians May Attend The SBC At Home

With this convention concludes one of the most interesting presidential elections in the memory of most of us if not of all time. I have known Jimmy Allen for many years, and I have counted him as a friend. I have listened to his counsel when I had decisions to make, and I have watched him with interest as he has filled his role in denominational life. He has always been an innovative activist. He has always found ways to get the job done.

The pastorate of First Baptist Church of San Antonio certainly was not the easiest place to serve; but Jimmy has made it his place, and the service has been remarkable.

During his two years as Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy has carried his activist ways into denominational service. The jokesters would say that Jimmy is frustrated by not being on all of the jet planes leav-

ing San Antonio, but this is not the case. He had his own airplane at his beck and call. A San Antonio businessman who retired at a young age owns the plane, is a pilot, and takes Jimmy around just about any place he needs to go. The Lord and Jimmy Allen seem to have a way of working these things out together.

Among his many interesting accomplishments has been counseling with officials in Israel concerning the Israeli anti-proselytizing law, which some see as a threat to a Baptist witness in that nation. Israeli officials have been to San Antonio also to see Jimmy. He has been assured that the Baptist type of witness is not in jeopardy.

It could be that the biggest achievement of all will be the nationwide televising of the Southern Baptist Convention program on Wednesday night

from the Astrodome. More than 1,000 missionaries will be dedicated to service throughout the world that night. It will be shown on cable from Jackson, Hattiesburg, and Meridian. And large screens at Broadmoor Church, Jackson; at First Church, Hattiesburg; and at First Church, Meridian will allow large groups to attend the televised meetings and participate in the rallies to be held in conjunction.

This will all be done by satellites. It will be very interesting and may give some clue for conducting Southern Baptist Convention sessions in the future. Allen thinks it is possible. He sees the possibility of 100,000 attending Southern Baptist Convention sessions by means of satellite television with voting on issues being handled by remote control. Votes are tabulated by computer already, so an enlargement of the vote handling procedures will

not be such a major obstacle. This may provide an alternative to having 30,000 Baptists trying to meet where facilities are not geared to such a crowd.

Perhaps not too many people would have dared to consider such a thing as will be done on Wednesday night of the convention. Jimmy Allen not only conceived the idea but also was bold enough to insist that it be tried and has been highly active in seeing that it is going to work.

We hope it does work. And we hope thousands of Mississippians who cannot attend the convention will get in on this part of it by watching it by cable television in their homes or by attending the rallies and the viewing at Broadmoor, Jackson; First Church, Hattiesburg; and First Church, Meridian. They will be participating in Southern Baptist history. — DTM

Guest Opinion...

Doctor's Missions Interest Is Contagious

By Jimmy Hodges, Pastor
First, Waynesboro

Midway the message on Sunday morning, the telephone in the vestibule rings. An usher walks quietly down to a certain aisle and whispers something into the ear of a regular worshipper. The person alerted stands to his feet and quickly disappears through the closest door.

This conscientious Christian is Dr. W. W. Walley, and he is hurrying to the hospital to a patient whose need has

reached emergency proportions. Because of his professional and Christian reputation in the area, his times of respite from his duties are few and far between.

In spite of a schedule that would wreck the health of an average man, Dr. Walley is perhaps the most faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesboro. Not only does he attend the morning services, but he also teaches a Sunday School class, never misses Church Training, and is as faithful as the pews on Sunday night.

He is a man who wears many spiritual hats.

The supreme thrust of this man of medicine lies in the first of foreign missions. Already this interest has perceptibly demonstrated itself in three periods of service, one in Bangladesh, one in Spain, and the other in Thailand. And he always takes the leadership in giving to missions through his local church.

The enthusiasm of Dr. Walley for missions has been contagious among the youth at First Baptist. One young lady, a foreign mission's volunteer and

a registered nurse, recently testified that it was Dr. Walley's missionary message that first opened her eyes to the needs of the world. He delights in counseling with young people who feel disposed to the missionary task. If he could live his life over again, he often says, he would give his life to medical missions, probably to the country of Bangladesh.

When this pastor hears people give the excuse of not having time to come to church, his thoughts hastily turn to Dr. W. W. Walley.

paring to visit mission fields, but the knowledge that is presented would be helpful for anyone who is interested in missions.

The 12 personal reflections from the author's days as a missionary which come at the beginning of each chapter make the book worth having. The foreword is by Owen Cooper; and the author's preface is very helpful, as are the two appendixes at the end of the book.

Passport to Missions deals with the Bible basis, origins, what is going on, what nationals think, what is missionary work and when it is good, the place of the national in the evangelization of his own country, methods, problems, support, and the role of women.

This is a delightful book that will increase appreciation for missions work and missionaries, give valuable information that will aid in support of missions, and provide insight on preparing to visit any mission field. — DTM

FATHERS ARE SPECIAL by William Hall Preston (Broadman, \$3.95, 96 pp.) Here is a collection of thoughts on the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood. It includes poems, essays, meditations, humorous stories, letters, and quotations. The book, a companion volume to **MOTHERS ARE SPECIAL** by the Drakefords, is in its fourth printing. Though contributions from other writers are included, William Hall Preston wrote most of these items about fathers himself. The final chapter is about the lofty ideals of his own father, a Canadian by birth who became a naturalized American citizen, and who served as a medical missionary in Cuba before the Spanish-American War. Preston lives in Nashville, where before his retirement in 1964 he was staff associate with the Baptist Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board for 37½ years. One of his three children, his son, William Hall, Jr., is a gynecologist at Booneville, Miss. All



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

A Man Of Integrity

I have seen him eating frozen Sego for lunch; I have heard that he gets up at 6 a.m. and, rain or shine, cold or hot, walks a mile before breakfast. I have read that he was born at Ecru. I have worked in the same building with him for 22 years, but I never knew until last Thursday evening what the initial "B" in his name stands for. I found that out when I read the banquet program titled, "Celebrating 35 Years in Student Work with Ralph Bishop Winders." He is retiring today. (See story by Tim Nicholas on p. 1.)

On my travels in 1955 I met Page Taylor, office secretary to Ralph Winders, director of student work for Virginia Baptists. She kept singing the praises of her boss.

A couple of years later I heard that Mr. Winders was returning to his home state to succeed Charlie Horner as director of the Department of Student Work.

Personally, I have appreciated claiming Mr. Winders as a friend. Usually he is laughing or spilling over with good-natured, mischievous fun.

This has not happened lately, but he once had a habit of coming to the Baptist Record make-up room on Tuesday mornings and daring us to turn a headline or picture upside down to see if any reader would notice the difference. (At least I hope he was saying this in fun. We never did try it.)

There's nothing two-faced about Mr. Winders. If he tells you something, you know he means what he says. In staff meetings, I've noticed, if he disagrees with something that is being said, he doesn't mind saying so. Yet he can disagree in such an agreeable way that even the recipient of his rebuke cannot be angry.

Two or three weeks ago he was our Friday morning chapel speaker. He listed qualities he thought most important for Baptist Building employees — or any Christian workers — to have. He named qualities that, knowing him, I expected him to name.

"The most highly desirable quality," he said, "is integrity." He continued, "Personal integrity is more than not cheating on income tax, more than not telling outright falsehoods. It has a lot to do with the way we live." He also mentioned program integ-

ity and denominational integrity, as well as personal integrity. "We ought not to apologize for the fact that we have a Baptist program and intend to keep it as such," he underscored. "I fly a flag of my own and I have no trouble doing that and standing by what I believe and what Baptists believe."

"I have never been intimidated by being in a minority, even of one," he added. "I have always wanted to let people know where I stood."

A second quality of importance, he noted, is "personalness." He cares about people as individuals, and cares enough about college students to learn and remember their names. "I don't remember names easily," he said, "but I work at the job." While he was still in Virginia he and 200 students went to Ridgecrest for Student Week. Before they got there, Mr. Winders knew the names of all 200.

"Christianity is personal," he declared. "It is a personal relationship between Jesus and me, and my living it out is personal relationships between me and others."

Betty Smith, his secretary for 13 years, says that he is patient, kind, understanding, and has a genuine love for people.

A third trait he believes to be important is generosity. "Mrs. Winders and I don't stop at the time. We don't figure our gifts mathematically. I don't stop at what I am able to give. I just give what I want to give, for love."

"I have tried to be generous in my attitudes, too, and withhold judgment until I knew the facts of a case. I had rather be on the generous side than on the little side. I'd rather listen to the truth than the report."

One other factor he mentioned is that of appreciation. "As a boy I was taught to say thank you. One word of appreciation is worth more than 1000 words of criticism. I have tried to say thank you to the people who have given money for Baptist student work in the state."

That Christianity encompasses every part of his life was clear in his prayer at the close of his message: "The rest of the day, dear Lord, is dedicated to you just as much as this chapel service."

Happy retirement, Mr. Winders! I really believe you deserve it.

Letters To The Editor

Qualifications

Editor:

In recent weeks there has been much said and written about the qualifications of persons who are potential nominees for president of the Southern Baptist Convention. I would like to offer one myself.

What is the giving record through the Cooperative Program of the church in which the nominee holds membership? I believe this is a most vital question! In the answer to this question we will find indications of the nominee's submission to the "Great

Commission" of our Lord, the missionary concern and compassion, and the spirit and attitude of cooperativeness.

The president of so diverse a group as Southern Baptists must be exemplary in the one thing that brought us together and keeps us together in spite of our differences: our commitment to missions.

I hope anyone making a nomination will provide this information.

A. R. Fagan
Executive Director-Treasurer
SBC Stewardship Commission

Book Reviews

royalties for the book go to a student loan fund that memorializes Preston's Irish mother. The book is ideal as a gift book for fathers, young and old, on Father's Day, June 17. During May it is on sale at Baptist Book Stores at 25% discount, or \$2.96.

PREACHER TALK by Herschel H. Hobbs (Broadman, 168 pp., paper, \$3.95) Southern Baptists' "dean of preachers," speaks out his long experience, and from his heart, to the preachers of today. Here are plain, practical, and rich discussions of the pastoral call, preparation, finding the field, ministry, study, methods, etc. Only a man of long experience could write in this manner, and every young "theolog" (and older ones too), will find invaluable help in these pages.

THE FIRST TWO YEARS by Bruce Grubbs (Convention Press, paper, 48 pages) This book by Bruce Grubbs, a consultant in pastoral ministries for the Sunday School Board, S.B.C. is a

pastor's guide to getting started in a church. In ten brief chapters the author takes you from an understanding of who you are, through the "ins and outs of a pastorate" and practical suggestions for a good beginning, to "measuring effectiveness in ministry." His suggestions for making a good beginning are excellent. It is a very practical guidebook and every pastor would do well to read it. — Clifton Perkins

HOW TO BE HAPPY THOUGH YOUNG by Darlen B. Cooper (Fleming H. Revell, 222 pp., paper, \$3.95) The author offers help to young people in acquiring healthy attitudes toward dating, sex, parents, peer groups, and marriage. She honestly and openly discusses trouble areas like how to say good-bye to someone you've been dating without losing their friendship, learning to accept criticism from friends and family, respecting parents even when they are wrong, or recognizing a possible life partner.

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Gathering with Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, are recipients of Doctor of Ministry degrees, left to right: Joseph Anderson, from Meridian, pastor of McAdams Church; Tommy Tutor, from Pontotoc, pastor of First, Holly Springs; David Spencer, from Senatobia, pastor of First Church, Sulligent, Ala.; James Scirratt, from Dallas, Tex., pastor of Woodland Hills, Jackson; Leavell; Bill Duncan, from Collins, pastor of First, Long Beach; Joe McIntire from Booneville, pastor of Thrasher Church at Booneville; David Sellers from Apopka, Fla., pastor of Hickory Church; Byron Malone from Columbus, pastor of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. Dudley Denton Sumrall of Meridian, not pictured, of Meridian, pastor of Madeira Drive Church, Orange Park, Fla., also received the Doctor of Ministry degree. (NOBTS photo by Jimmy McFatter)

30 From State Get Degrees During New Orleans Exercises

NEW ORLEANS — Thirty Mississippi students were among the 200 persons who participated in the annual Spring graduation exercises at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary May 12.

Those receiving degrees included: Doctor of Ministry: David Wayne Spencer, from Senatobia; Joseph Anderson, from Meridian; Billy Kelton Duncan, from Collins; Byron R. Malone, from Columbus; Joseph McIntire, from Booneville; Thomas Tutor, a native of Pontotoc; and Dudley D. Sumrall, from Meridian.

Master of Divinity: Robert B. Barnes Jr., from Poplarville; B. Lindsey Blachledge, from Laurel; C. Lee Castle, from Louisville; Robert R. Catrett, from Pascagoula; Cleveland R. Dawsey Jr., from Piquette; Terry A. Wilkerson, from Philadelphia;

Edwin R. Williams, from McComb; Ronnie D. Langston, from McComb; Robert P. McLellan, from Durant; Thomas G. Middleton, from Columbus; Freddie W. Womble, from Monticello; Phil Walker, from Independence; and Kenneth Michel, from Brookhaven.

Master of Religious Education: David B. Ingram, from Greenville; Don Lum, from Jackson; and Bobby Ray Davis, a native of Meadville.

Master of Church Music: Charles D. Wallace, from Jackson.

Diploma in Pastoral Ministry: Danny Lamar Chaney, from Little Rock; and Curtis M. Dyer, from Collinsville.

Diploma in Church Music Ministry: James P. Little, from Pascagoula.

Other graduates, serving in Mississippi now, but not natives of the state,

are: James Scirratt, Dallas, Tex., pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, Doctor of Ministry; Stephen Rodney Arp, McCaysville, Ga., pastor, First Church, Moss, Master of Divinity; David L. Sellers, Apopka, Fla., pastor of Hickory Church, Doctor of Ministry; Richard G. Kennedy, Montgomery, Ala., pastor of Walnut Grove Church at Walnut Grove, Master of Divinity; Robert F. Williams, Jr., Eufaula, Ala., pastor of Improve Church, Columbia, Master of Divinity; David C. Laird, Jr., El Dorado, Ark., associate pastor and youth minister, South McComb Church, Master of Divinity; Glynn Earl Adams, Tallulah, La., pastor of Avera Church, Richton, Master of Religious Education.

A liar is not believed even though he tell the truth. — Cicero

Just For The Record

Antioch Church, Simpson County, 15 miles south of Florence, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 3. The pastor, George L. Lewis, will deliver the morning message. Dinner on the grounds and an afternoon of singing will be featured.

Pine Grove (Tippah) will celebrate homecoming Sunday, June 3. Morning worship service will begin at 11 and dinner will be served on the ground afterwards. After lunch there will be singing. The Crawford Brothers will be guest singers. Randy Bostick is pastor.

Plymouth Church of Columbus will have homecoming services June 10. Sunday School will begin at 9:45, and morning worship service at 11, with former pastor Bill Fields bringing the message.

There will be an old-fashioned dinner on the ground. Afternoon service at 1:30 will present several different groups of singers, highlighted by the Caledonian's Quartet. James Hutcherson is pastor; Grover Fairchild is song director.

The Seniors of Greenfield Church, Greenville, honored with a Hawaiian luau Friday, May 11. Those honored were Julie Smith, Cindy Bishop, Caroline Majure, Carole Hackett, Susie Bufkin, Tillie Davis, and Lisa Hoffman.

The fellowship hall was decorated in the Hawaiian Islands atmosphere with items of the islands on display. Various hand crafted souvenirs were contributed by Mrs. Byron Jackson. Robert Haney is associated pastor, and director of music and youth.

Philadelphia Church, Lincoln County, will have homecoming June 3. John Smith, missionary to Indonesia, home on furlough, will be the speaker. David Ford, gospel and concert singer, Minister of Music at First Church, Nashville, Tenn., will bring the message in song.

Philadelphia is 14 miles west of Brookhaven on highway 550.

Lunch will be served. There will be no afternoon or evening service.

Homecoming will be at New Hope, Lafayette County, on June 3. Duail Corbett, pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, Dumas, will preach at the 11 o'clock service. Following dinner on the ground there will be singing and other activities. The pastor is Robert Smith.

The youth of Hebron Church at Sardis recently held a bake sale, and made enough to support a boys and girls softball team, buying all equipment for both teams. Joe A. Dettor is coach for the teams.

25th Anniversary At McDowell Road

The 25th anniversary celebration of McDowell Road Church, Jackson, will be held June 10. Jimmy Yarbrough, former pastor, will be guest speaker. Dinner on the grounds will follow the 10 a.m. service. John Hilburn is pastor.



Baptist Student Union Executive Council members at Mississippi State University for 1979-80 and their hometowns are (front row): Susan Mynatt, vespers-noonday director, Charlotte, NC; Peggy Smith, social director, Bay St. Louis; Dolores Holliman, music coordinator, Caledonia; Karen Burks, vice president, Columbus; Kathy Pennington, recreation director, Hernando; (second row, kneeling) Andrew Fitts, international student ministry director, Memphis, Tenn.; Bill Branch, president, Kenner, La.; Don Gann, campus outreach director, Vicksburg; Joe Hendrix, publicity director, Yazoo City; (back row, standing) Brant Ginn, student center director, Corinth; Becky Ratliff, missions director, Jackson; June Scoggins, associate BSU director, Ann Southernland, secretary, Columbus; Joey Brent, community outreach director, Bogie Chitto; and Ircel Harrison, campus minister. Not pictured: Don Fitzgerald, faculty advisor, and Doug Day, pastor advisor.

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Names In The News . . .

Mary Lynn Wade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wade of Ellisville and a member of the Fairfield Church, will serve as a counselor at Camp Garaywa this summer. She is a student at Jones County Junior College and is active in BSU work there.

J. D. and Ethel Batson, missionaries to Brazil since 1973, have resigned from missionary service. They were involved in music promotion work. Both are natives of Mississippi. He is from Wiggins, and she is the former Ethel Thatcher of Fruitland Park. They may be addressed at Rt. 2, Box 37, Wiggins, Miss. 39577.

Van and Sarah Williams, missionaries to India, left Bangalore May 23, to come to the States on furlough. Their trip home was by way of Singapore, Hong Kong, and Hawaii. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, joined them in Hawaii for five days. The Williams plan to arrive in Memphis on the evening of June 7 and will go to Pontotoc for a reunion with Van's family. They will be travelling a good deal this summer but may be contacted c/o Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, 5705 Dunwoody St., Memphis, Tenn. 38117 (phone 901-767-3890).

Billy and Sandra Montgomery, missionaries to Ghana, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 34, Education Ridge, Tamale, Ghana). Before they were appointed in 1975, he was minister of youth and education at First Church, Pascagoula.

John M. Flowers, Jr. of Terry has been awarded the Master of Divinity degree by Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Flowers was among 240 students receiving diplomas.

Hardy Denham celebrated his 11th anniversary on May 6 as pastor of First Church, Newton. The church published a special edition of the weekly bulletin, "The Messenger," with pictures of key events and accomplishments during these years — such as the building of a Family Life Center, the renovation of the sanctuary, the pastor preaching the convention sermon during the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1975, and the pastor being presented the Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Award in 1975.

Gary and Evelyn Harthcock, missionary associates to the Leeward Islands, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 203 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, N. C. 27602). He is from Clarksdale, Miss. She is the former Evelyn White of Colerain, N. C.

D. W. Green received his Doctor of Ministry degree from the Luther Rice Seminary in graduation exercises

May 11, in Jacksonville, Fla. Green is pastor of the Edwards Church at Edwards, where he has been pastor for six years. He is a graduate of William Carey College and Southwestern Seminary.

Buster Wilson, native of the Jackson-Richland area, has returned to his home town to begin work in full-time evangelism. For the past ten months he has been executive producer for the radio program, MasterControl, of the Baptist Radio and TV Commission in Fort Worth. In 1973-74 he was evangelist for the "Reality" team of Richland Church. He has been pastor of two children's churches, each with over 100 children, and has been associate pastor and pastor of churches in Columbus, New Albany, and Maben. At present he is staff evangelist at Richland Church, Jackson, and president of Buster Wilson Evangelism. He has preached 100 revivals since 1973 in which there have been 900 decisions. Wilson is available to speak, or preach in revival campaigns (address Buster Wilson Evangelism, Box 22622, Jackson MS 39205; phone 601-939-1250).

Mrs. John S. Oliver, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Mary Dill, Greenwood Springs, Miss. 33848). The former Virginia Winters, she was born in Leslie, Ark., and also lived in Alabama and Mississippi while growing up.

Staff Changes

Elizabeth Anne Young began her ministry at First Church, Hattiesburg as minister of youth education/activities on Sunday, May 13. She came from Central Park Church, Birmingham, Ala. where she was youth director.

Miss Young, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. A. S. Young, is a native of Corinth, Miss. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and Southwestern Seminary. She was a summer missionary to California with the Home Mission Board in 1971, and youth director to East Corinth Church during the summer of 1972.

Baylor Alumni Will Have A Dessert Party

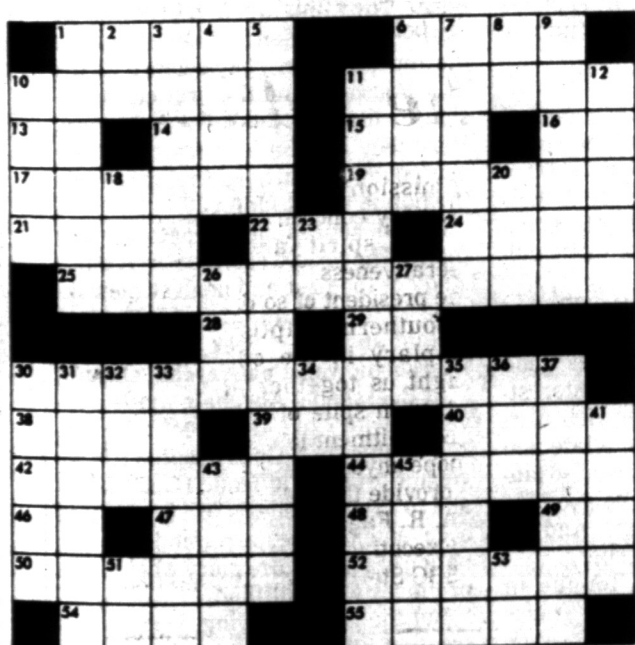
Baylor alumni will have a dessert party at the South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex. on June 12, at 10 p.m. South Main Church is located at 4100 Main. Take the Richmond exit off the Southwest Freeway.

No one can be so welcome a guest that he will not annoy his host after three days. — Plautus

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50 Fourth (1 Chron. 24:8)
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54 Dirt
55 Girl's name: poss.

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1 "And — not the holy spirit" (Eph. 4)
2 Egyptian god
3 Sacred shield: Rom. Antiq.
4 Scrutinize
5 "they — — Peter and John" (Acts 8)
6 Girl's nickname
7 "I — — know your faith" (1 Thess. 3)
8 Again: abbr.
9 Remedy: Scot.
10 Neap, for one
11 "Know ye not that a — —" (1 Cor. 5)
12 Stranger
18 Afire
20 Drag
23 Note of the scale
26 Relative: abbr.
27 City (1 Chron. 1:40)
30 Church parts
31 "as though he — any thing" (Acts 17)
32 Kind of powder
33 Mistakes
34 Folio: abbr.
35 "I preached the — unto you" (Gal. 4)
36 Small fruit or berry
37 "nor of their —" (Rev. 9)
41 Famous author
43 Critical: abbr.
45 Egyptian river
51 School in England: abbr.
53 Roman 150

24 Implement for skidding logs
25 "even his —" (Rom. 1)
28 Conjunction: L.
29 Each: abbr.
30 "transformed into an — —" (2 Cor. 11)
38 "Is the iniquity of — too little" (Joah. 22)
39 Pedal digit
40 Hawaiian island
41 "none did — or seek" (Ezek. 34)
44 Retaliator
46 Man's nickname
47 Swedish coin
48 Big shot

CRYPTOVERSE

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Today's Cryptoverse clue: T equals S (Answers on page 3)

Howard Spell Will Speak At Ebenezer Centennial



Ebenezer Church, Holmes County, will celebrate its centennial Sunday, June 10. Howard Spell, Clinton, former dean at Mississippi College, now retired, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

The church's history will be read

and former pastors will be recognized during the afternoon service. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

A revival will precede the special Sunday of celebration. It will be June 6-9, each night at 7:30, with Fred Fowler, pastor of Southside Church, Jackson, evangelist.

Billy Rowzee is the pastor; Billy McLellan is the music director.

Ebenezer Church was organized at Ebenezer in 1879 with Matt Lyon assisting in its organization.

The church grounds consist of two acres given to the church by P. A. Parker, Sr., and Dr. W. B. Burwell. Much of the interior trim was done with a scroll saw by W. H. Falconer and his 12-year-old son Tommy.

One of the first pastors of the church was T. J. Bailey who was later head of the Anti-Saloon League of Mississippi and editor of the Baptist Record. Bailey, who preached at the church for 13 years, resigned as pastor in 1893.



Arizona mission participants will include left to right, back row: Ralph Sorey, Coy Turnage, David Frazier, Randy Easterling, Franklin Hughes, George Magee, Tim Myers, Ray Henry, Larue Magee, and Charles Hutchins. Front row, Tim Sorey, Otto Polk, L. B. Atchison, Sammy Myers, Gary Pinkley, and Billy Greene. Those going on Arizona Mission, but not pictured: Mrs. L. B. Atchison, Kimberleigh Paige Atchison, Mrs. David Frazier, Mrs. Gary Pinkley, Charlotte Pinkley, Janice Pinkley, Mrs. Ray Henry, Mrs. Elouise Magee, Mrs. George Magee, J. H. Harris, Mrs. J. H. Harris, Mrs. Sammy Myers, Donna Myers, Mrs. Bess Ann Greene, and Mrs. Ralph Sorey.

Jeff Davis Men Will Rebuild Indian Church In Arizona

The Jefferson Davis Association, under direction of the associational Brotherhood organization, will sponsor a group of 31 people to be involved in a mission project in Laveen, Arizona during the week of May 31-June 9.

The group will speak in several churches on June 3. They will aid in construction of an Indian church during the week. Several will participate in training conferences for Sunday School and Church Training.

They will assist in the reconstruction of an Indian church that burned, and attempt to rebuild it with only \$4,000 on

hand.

The churches of Jeff Davis Association have made contributions which will be used for additional materials for construction. Those going on the trip represent seven churches of the association: Society Hill, Oak Grove, Phalti, Carson, Old Hebron, Whitesand, Prentiss. (Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris represent Salem church in Covington Association).

The entire project is under direction of the associational Brotherhood. Franklin Hughes is associational Brotherhood director. L. B. Atchison is director of missions.

Church-Related Colleges Plan National Congress

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (BP) — A major two-year effort to review, reaffirm and renew the role of church-related colleges and universities in American life will be kicked off at the University of Notre Dame in June.

More than 1,500 educational and church leaders from over 700 colleges will convene at Notre Dame June 21-23 for the National Congress on Church-Related Colleges and Universities.

It will be the largest, most representative meeting of church-related college and university administrators yet held, according to congress planners. More than 100-million church members are included in the sponsoring bodies.

Theodore Hesburgh, president of the University of Notre Dame, is chair-

man of the national committee sponsoring the congress, and Ben C. Fisher, retired executive director of the Southern Baptist Education Commission, is chairman of the program committee.

Major study commissions are now preparing special working papers on various issues facing the churches and the colleges including educational purpose, societal needs, governance, finance and other phases of college and university life.

The papers, plus speeches and other data presented at the June 21-23 congress, will be studied by follow-up committee for several months. Then, on February 1-2, 1980, a concluding session will be held in Washington, D. C.

Opportunity To Share — This Summer

By Bill Rittenhouse, Pastor, First, Tupelo

Perhaps this will be the summer you will have the opportunity to be a witness for Christ in a very special way. He gives blessings in special ways if we stay available to His leadership.

In the summer of 1960, my family and I traveled to Topeka, Kansas, to visit for two days with my wife's brother and his wife. It was a fast trip between Sundays.

On the super highway between Kansas City and Topeka we were trying to make up some lost time because the speed limit read "70 m.p.h." Coming towards us, on the other side of the turnpike, was a station wagon with luggage on top. One of the suitcases was exposed and we noticed that it could break loose at any moment. Sure enough it did. I stopped my car and ran back to pick up the lost suitcase. The owner was not aware that he had lost the suitcase and so he didn't stop. He never even slowed down! It was impossible to cross to his east-bound side of the separated highway. All that we could do was to place the suitcase in our car and proceed on our way.

In Topeka, we opened the suitcase. It contained items of a personal nature for a man. Only one unusual item, which might serve as a point of locating the owner was in the contents. A white box with a rubber band around it had a \$20 gold piece between two layers of cotton. The gold piece had a band around it with the words, "Twenty years Loyal And Faithful Service" on one side and "Presented to Otis Sampson by Northwestern States Portland Cement Co." on the other side. It was a lead.

I mailed letters to Portland Cement companies in seventy-five cities in the Northwestern States of our nation. Many of the letters were returned because the city did not have a Portland Cement Company office located there. One letter gave the address of a Mr. Otis Sampson who had retired from their employ several years before.

I wrote to Mr. Sampson to inform him of my finding a suitcase that might belong to him. He answered my letter immediately and identified the contents. He told me to dispose of the suitcase and all other contents except the gold piece. He wrote "That's my most precious possession." He wrote quite a lengthy letter telling why it was precious to him. The phrase "my most precious possession" was used many times.

I answered his letter and enclosed the gold piece but I used the opportunity to tell him of my most precious possession. I told him how precious my family is to me, how precious is life itself because God brought me safely home during World War II after having been a Prisoner of War in Rumania. But then I told him of my MOST precious possession, Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. I wrote from my heart and mailed the letter and gold piece with a prayer.

I received no letter of appreciation from him until a year later when he sent a Christmas box to my family. In the box was a little white box with a rubber band around it and in the box the gold piece. I do not have the space to write all the content of the letter that accompanied the Christmas box. Just this:

"Last Sunday, my wife and I were baptized in a little church here in Colorado. We want you to have the gold piece to carry with you at all times. We are two old people; I'm 74 years old, my wife is 72. You are the first one who told us of Jesus Christ. Now He is our most precious possession."

A CLOSING THOUGHT FOR MY DEVOTION TIME WITH YOU: "Lord, let me always be able to be available and aware of witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Someone I meet may not know Him as the most precious possession they could possibly have!" Amen.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The world abortion rate has reached about 40 million a year, 25 per cent of all pregnancies, according to a new report by the Population Crisis Committee (PCC) here. Of the total 40 million abortions, about half of them were estimated to be illegal "and now represent a leading cause of death among women of childbearing age," the report said.

Center Ridge Will Dedicate Sanctuary

Center Ridge Church, Yazoo City, will dedicate its new sanctuary on Sunday, June 17, at 2 p.m.

Dinner will be served on the grounds following the morning worship hour.



J. B. Betts and Family

Parkhill Celebration Will Feature The Betts Family

Parkhill Church, Jackson, will celebrate its 23rd Anniversary on June 10. Featured at this year's homecoming will be the J. B. Betts Family from Brookhaven. They will share in the morning worship service which begins at 11 and also in the 2 p.m. service.

J. B. Betts has been in music evangelism for over 12 years, and

travels over much of the nation leading the music in church revivals. His family will join him for this program of gospel music.

A covered-dish dinner will be served in the fellowship hall after the morning service, according to Joe H. Stovall, Jr., pastor.

Uniform Lesson

The Need To Make Right Decisions

By Larry Kennedy
First, Laurel

1 Sam. 15:1-23; 16:1

The Bible says that the devil has "schemes" whereby he seeks to destroy God's people. From the experiences of Eve in the Garden and Jesus in the wilderness, we know that some of his schemes are lies, half-truths, and the misquoting of Scripture. Paul said the devil is an angel of light who can disguise himself in various forms so that he gives the appearance of being a prophet of God. The survivors of Jonestown can bear witness to that truth. We know that the devil uses doubt, depression, anxiety, and fear as "schemes" to hurt the believer.

This soothsayer of the sewer even uses success as a scheme of destruction. Some people cannot stand success. The devil knows this, and he uses success as a time bomb for soul destruction. It appears that King Saul was a person who could not handle success. Somewhere between his experience of going from rags to riches, he forgot the divine power that brought him to the throne and decided that ceremony was more important than commitment. The life of Saul has a warning for all of us. We do well to pull back the curtain of his life and ponder the steps that led to his downfall. Maybe in the holy moment of serious reflection, we will hear God's voice and depart from the paths of superficiality and selfishness.

What does God want us to see in the experience in the life of Saul and Samuel?

I. Success Can Lead to Sin

King Saul was told to destroy the Amalekites and all their property. However, Saul spared King Agag and the best of the sheep and oxen. It has been suggested by some scholars that Saul spared King Agag so that he might "parade" him before the Hebrew people as a trophy of his military ability. He saw in the defeated Agag, a means of enhancing his "image" with the people. He may have spared the sheep to "fatten" his own pocketbook. Samuel tells us that Saul was "stubborn." Having arrived at the top, Saul probably decided that God would overlook any transgressions that he might engage in since he was God's anointed. Could it be that he had convinced him-

self that no one else could possibly take his place? Could it be that because of his physical strength and military power, Saul decided that God needed him? The attitude of Saul reminds us that success that is not mixed with humility leads to sin.

II. It Is Easy to Blame Others for our Sins

When confronted with his disobedience, Saul placed the blame on the people. He said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep..." (2 Sam. 15:15). Like Eve who wanted to blame the snake for her sin, Saul sought to blame the people for his rebellion. It reminds one of the words:

*I went to my psychiatrist
to be psychoanalyzed.
To find out why I killed the cat
and blackened my wife's eyes.*

*He put me on a downy couch
To see what he could find,
And this is what he dredged up
From my subconscious mind:*

*When I was one, my mommy hid
My dolly in the trunk,
And so it follows naturally,
That I am always drunk.*

*When I was two, I saw my father
Kiss the maid one day,
And that is why I suffer now —
Kleptomania.*

*I'm so glad that I have learned
The lesson it has taught,
That everything I do that's wrong
Is someone else's fault!*

(Anna Russell)

III. Disobedience Has Serious Consequences

It is true that God forgives the sinner; however, the consequences of sin often remain. Saul heard the prophet say, "... the Lord ... hath rejected thee from being king" (2 Sam. 15:23). Today, you might drive your car at a high speed and smash into a tree, breaking your neck. In the morning you might ask God to forgive you for being so foolish, and he certainly would do that for you; however, your neck would still be broken. God forgives sin, but the scars of sin often remain for a long time.

IV. God Is Never Defeated by Man's Sin

As Samuel cried, thinking that God's plan and his work had been destroyed, the prophet heard God say, "... I will send thee to Jesse ... for I have provided me a king among his sons" (1 Sam. 16:1). Out in the hills there was a small shepherd boy that God had selected to be the next king. God's redemptive plan was still in motion and could not be stopped by the foolishness of a rebellious king. This experience reminds us that God is able to bring good out of tragic circumstances. When the hour is dark and men cry in their despair, God is in the light charting his eternal plan through the corridors of time. God is never dependent upon any man. He is the Alpha and the Omega.

Bob Harrington Battles Problems

LAKE LAND, Fla. (RNS) — Evangelist Bob Harrington, the flamboyant "Chaplain of Bourbon Street," is battling financial and image problems here as he attempts to establish a Total Living Center.

Harrington's reputation was tarnished last year after he was divorced and remarried. He had to return the rings from his second wedding after a New Orleans jeweler demanded payment of a \$9,200 balance. Loyola University says he owes its television station \$10,300 for unpaid air time, and he owes a \$570,000 balance on the old First Presbyterian Church building here where he is setting up the Total Living Center.

"Since the breakup of my marriage last year," the evangelist says, "the public has been confused about my image. Time is the therapy that we need."

Despite negative publicity, Harrington expresses confidence that his financial situation will soon be on the rebound. He notes that his evangelistic organization grossed some \$5 million just two years ago, and says, "I did it before and I'll do it again."

Life and Work Lesson

Sins Of Affluence

By Joe McKeever
First, Columbus
Amos 5-6

If there is a passage in the Bible that has today's date on it, this must be the one. Think of the rich society you and I are part of ... of the needs of a great part of our world ... and the gap between where we are and where they are.

How does it feel to be rich? You probably do not agree that you are. The problem is that wealth is relative — we compare ourselves with those richer than we.

But turn around and compare your situation with two groups: (1) the billions on planet Earth who have less than you; and (2) the many millions who occupied the earth before our birth. The truth is that you live better than Julius Caesar did. Or Napoleon or George Washington for that matter.

For you have air-conditioning, vaccinations against disease, electricity, television, books, automobiles, and nice clothing. Not to mention frozen foods, vegetables year round, restaurants, and your local health department.

As I say, you are rich. Now, let's talk about the sins of rich people. In our Scripture study, we can identify at least three. All are modern and touch my family and yours.

(1) **Hard-heartedness**
The wealthy of Amos' day put heavy rent on the poor (5:11) and took kickbacks from those with whom they traded (5:11). They took bribes (5:12), which is nothing other than charging money for what they should have been doing for nothing. And they turned away the poor (5:12) when they needed justice in the court.

The problem with seeing life in dollar signs is that we pay attention only to those people who can benefit us. We do not need the poor, so we ignore them.

We may ease our guilt by giving to various charities. This is fine, but obviously not enough. According to Amos the prophet, we need also to work for the poor to see that the prices they pay are fair, that they have equal access to fair treatment from all of society, and receive justice in court.

(2) **False Security.**
"At ease in Zion" has been taken from 6:1 and put into our language today to describe people who are con-

tent in their little heaven, and letting the rest of the world go to hell. The picture of such people in 6:4 lacks only one thing to be contemporary: "in front of their television sets."

For too many Christians, a good bank balance means peace of mind. And money troubles automatically mean the loss of such peace. The words of Paul to Timothy are meant for us:

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17).

(3) **Pleasure Oriented**

The description in the early part of chapter 6 shows us those whose entire lives rotate around the gratification of their wants and desires. "If it feels good, do it" was not coined by this generation; it was the motto of many cultures before ours.

Pleasure is the thing today. We run our lives by it. We even choose churches by whether one has good music or the preacher is more interesting than another. We sandwich worship on Sunday in between a late nap and the golf course. We stay up so late on Saturday nights we're no good for anything Sunday mornings. And all this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Was it therefore with tongue in cheek that Amos says in 5:13, "Therefore, at such a time the prudent person keeps silent, as it is an evil time"? The best way to get into trouble is to start tromping on people's toes about their sins.

So, Amos opened his mouth and got into trouble.

What Shall We Do?

Barbara Ward points out in *The Home of Man* that for the last two centuries, first capitalism and then communism have been founded on the idea of resources on this planet expanding infinitely, waiting only to be taken by the strong and the capable. The result has been an all-out race for growth and consumption.

However, she says, it looks now that the conditions for this race will not prevail much beyond the end of this century. The energy crises of our days are only warnings of what's to come.

So, what are we to do?

Listen to God speaking through Amos: "Don't resort to Bethel; don't come to Gilgal; don't cross over to

Beersheba ... seek me that you may live." (5:4-6).

Bethel was a spiritual shrine.

To those familiar with the life of Jacob who came here twice, it meant a place of new beginnings. God is thus saying, Do not seek a holy place, seek me! Do not take comfort in old religious experiences, come to me!

Gilgal was a historical shrine.

It was a place of past blessings on the nation. The first encampment of the nation after crossing into Canaan was here. They put up a memorial of twelve stones taken from the middle of the Jordan River. They celebrated the first Passover and the first circumcision in the new land was held here.

Here they ate the first fruits of their new covenant. And here Saul was made the nation's first king.

Gilgal represented nostalgia for many. They could easily retreat into a study of the past and neglect their responsibilities. But God closed the door on that and said, "Seek me."

Beersheba was a patriarchal shrine. At Beersheba, Abraham made a covenant with King Abimelech (Genesis 21). At this spot, God repeated His covenant promise to Isaac (Genesis 26) and to Jacob (Genesis 46). So this was a covenant place, a reminder to the nation of their future glory when God's promises were fulfilled.

But the Lord is saying, Don't go retreating into the future either — stay here and face today's challenge: Seek Me and you shall live!

Our Lord is not a shrine but a Spirit. Not an experience but a Person. Not of the past but of the eternal present. Not only a God of the future but the living Lord of the here-and-now.

And He is vitally interested in how His children are living up to His instructions.

Off The Record

An absent-minded professor had a decidedly bad taste in his mouth one morning so he stopped to see his family doctor.

"Pulse seems to be all right," the doctor said after a quick check. "Stick out your tongue."

The professor did and the doctor looked. "Hum," he observed, "it looks okay, but why the postage stamp?"

"Oh," the professor said happily, "so that's where I left it."